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PSC TO HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING IN RAYTOWN WATER COMPANY RATE CASE

Jefferson City (September 9, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing in Raytown, Missouri, on **September 20, 2004**, to receive customer comment on a water rate case filed by the Raytown Water Company.

The local public hearing will be held in the Raytown South High School cafeteria, 8211 Sterling Avenue. The PSC Staff will hold an informal question-and-answer session starting at 6:00 pm with the local public hearing to follow at 6:30.

The local public hearing will be held in facilities that meet the accessibility requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in this hearing should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

This local public hearing is designed to give customers of the Raytown Water Company an opportunity to comment on the rate request currently before the Commission. In addition, customers may also bring any service related problems to the Commission's attention.

The Raytown Water Company filed a rate request with the Public Service Commission on March 6, 2003 seeking to increase annual water revenues by approximately \$642,307. As a result of the Company's request, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission conducted an independent audit of the Company's books and records. Based upon that audit, the PSC Staff concluded that an increase in annual water revenues of approximately \$273,757 is warranted. For a residential customer using 6,000 gallons of water a month, water rates would increase from \$30.68 a month to \$34.07 a month.

As part of this rate request, the Raytown Water Company also seeks to implement a monthly surcharge of 77 cents to fund the Gateway main replacement program. The water company is seeking to have that surcharge in effect for a five-year period. The Raytown Water Company is also seeking to change to monthly billing from bi-monthly billing.

The five Commissioners of the Missouri Public Service Commission will thoroughly review all evidence submitted in this case and then determine what type of increase, if any, should be granted. Testimony received at this local public hearing will be a part of the evidence the Commission will evaluate in making its decision.

The Raytown Water Company serves approximately 6,700 water customers (approximately 6,100 residential water customers) in Jackson County.

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